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ASSOCIATES INC.

May 13, 2004

Via Telecopy: (202) 482-5650

Regulatory Policy Division
Attention: Copper Short Supply Petition
Bureau of Industry and Security
P.O. Box 273
Washington, DC 20044

Re: Request to Participate at the Public Hearing to Be Held on May 19, 2004

Dear Sir or Madam:

On April 7, 2004, the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) received a written petition requesting the imposition of short supply export controls and monitoring on recyclable metallic materials containing copper (the "Petition"). Pursuant to the notice in the May 10, 2004, Federal Register (69 Fed. Reg. 25856) regarding a public hearing on the issue, Nathan Associates Inc. respectfully submits a request for the following individual to speak at the public hearing to be held on May 19, 2004.

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Nathan Associates, an economic consulting firm established in 1946, has extensive experience and expertise in economic policy, economic impact analysis, regulatory issues, damages analysis, and international trade issues.

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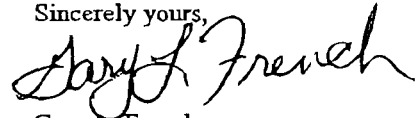
In preparation for the aforementioned public hearing Nathan Associates was asked by the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries (ISRI) to prepare an estimate of the current potential reserves of copper scrap in the United States. This study is similar in nature to one that Nathan Associates conducted in 1977 which quantified the potential reserves of ferrous scrap metal.

Mr. Damuth, a Vice President of Nathan Associates Inc., will present the methodology and results of the current study and place the estimated level of potential reserves of copper scrap in 2003 in historical context. Mr. Damuth has been with Nathan Associates for 21 years. His expertise lies in helping people understand the economic impacts of changes in economic conditions, business circumstances, and public policy.

We value the opportunity to speak at the public hearing on the Petition to be held on May 19, 2004, and ask that you consider and grant our request to participate the public hearing as speakers. Should you have questions or require additional information please contact Mr. Damuth using the contact information provided above.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,



Gary L. French

Senior Vice President